

NATION AWAITS DECISION ON GERMAN SEA THREAT

PRESIDENT WILSON CONFERS WITH ADVISERS AGAIN BEFORE CASTING "PEACE OR WAR" DIE

Executive Seeks Relief From Strain in Game of Golf Before Entering Conference.

"No Word to Germany Yet,"
Says Lansing

Two Courses Open: An Immediate Break With Berlin or New and Daring Effort for Concerted Neutral Action to Bring Teutons Within International Rules

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—President Wilson came from the White House to his executive office and entered the Cabinet room at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

At that hour Secretaries Lane, Redfield, Baker and Postmaster General Burleson had arrived. Secretary Lansing reached the White House a few moments later and the remainder of the Cabinet soon followed.

The President took with him from his study an envelope which may be the text of this fateful decision to be considered by the Cabinet this afternoon. He walked down the hall into the Cabinet room with a brisk step, but greeted his advisers solemnly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—With the exception of Attorney General Gregory all of the members of President Wilson's Cabinet attended the regular session this afternoon. None of them would discuss the international situation on entering the White House.

Just as Secretary Lansing arrived, his confidential stenographer rushed across from the State Department and gave him a bulky envelope. The Secretary would not discuss its contents.

Secretary Lane expressed the opinion that the entire international situation would be discussed.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 2.—Expressing complete confidence in President Wilson, the lower House of the Legislature today unanimously passed a resolution supporting him in any action he may see fit to take in the present crisis with Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Navy Department today shut down the lid on the matter of location of its ships, heretofore published daily.

The definite statement "that nothing has gone forward to Germany yet" was made by the State Department today relative to the present German-American crisis. Further, it was stated that passports had not been handed Ambassador Bernstorff.

At the same time the department left the impression that some suggestions, inquiries or instructions may have been sent to Ambassador Gerard, though it was officially emphasized that the department neither affirmed nor denied that impression.

Where yesterday afternoon the department made the definite statement that no announcement about the situation would be forthcoming overnight, it announced today that it did not know whether or not there would be some statement this afternoon or tonight.

Congressional leaders said that no arrangements had been made yet for a joint session of Congress to receive a communication from the President. However, almost every member of Congress was at his desk and a joint session could be arranged at ten minutes' notice.

Officialdom generally has calmly accepted the belief that diplomatic relations with Germany would be severed. The capital was extremely calm.

So far there has been no confirmation received of the report that Austria also had decided to carry on ruthless submarine operations. Until this officially is confirmed the United States will proceed on the assumption that its immediate concern is the German situation.

White House officials, by direct orders from President Wilson, were dumb on all questions dealing with the international relations. Secretary Tumulty positively refused to discuss a report that a statement might be forthcoming after the Cabinet meeting. That was for the President to decide, he said.

Today the President will meet the Cabinet and Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, for advice and counsel.

President Wilson's course of action appeared to be limited to two diametrically opposed lines. Authorities said he might follow the strictly legal and logical course demanded as a natural sequence to this country's diplomatic negotiations with Germany, which will mean a break; or, disregarding precedent, he may launch forth an entirely new doctrine of neutrality, urging the patience, sacrifice and concession from this country that he has asked of the belligerents, in order to hold the United States free to administer what he has termed "the greater service to mankind."

SEEKS RELIEF IN GAME OF GOLF

As is his custom when confronted with a serious or difficult diplomatic problem, the President sought mental rest and physical exercise in pursuing his favorite pastime—golf.

He played his usual steady game. He and Mrs. Wilson left the White House shortly after 9 o'clock and returned in about two and a half hours. Doctor Grayson was on the green with the President. He said that the exercise was necessary to the Executive in this critical time and that in his playing he did not show any nervousness.

Up to this forenoon he had kept closely to his study, advising with Colonel E. M. House and Secretary Lansing. The strain of a situation that may mean war showed today in lines upon the President's face and in a drawn expression.

And his Premier, none too well in recent months, appeared to be a sick man. His manner, frequently solemn, had about it a touch of pathos. Newspapersmen who have known Secretary Lansing for years could not recall when he had shown such signs of pressure.

PRESIDENT BELIEVES WORLD HATES WAR

The President's conviction—often expressed—is that the fighting nations "are seeing red," that those governing the belligerent nations have reached a pitch of frenzy where they are not responsible for the acts they do. And behind this thought lies his firm conviction that the "people" of Germany—those back in the homes—do not want war with the United States and the people of the United States do not want war with them.

Friends say it was this conviction that caused the President to stand out against war with Germany in the face of much opposition even in his own

PRESIDENT WILSON GOES A-GOLFING



While the whole world tensely awaits his decision on how the United States shall meet the new German submarine menace, the nation's Chief Executive displays his ability to keep cool by enjoying a few rounds of his favorite sport. He went out to the links at an unusually early hour this morning so as to be back at his desk before noon, there to meet his advisers.

SIX MORE VESSELS SUNK BY U-BOATS

Neutral, British and Belgian
Craft Sent to
Bottom

BERLIN IN SERIOUS MOOD

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Six more ships were reported sunk in the second day of Germany's new "barred zone" campaign, early this afternoon.

First was the Norwegian steamship Portia. Then came word of the destruction of the Ravenbourne, with a loss of three members of the crew, and the sinking of the Norwegian steamship Hecla.

Later the sinking of the following additional vessels were announced: The British steamship Ewinton, the Spanish steamship Algorta, and the Belgian steam trawler Marcelle. The last named vessel was sunk by gunfire from a submarine.

The Portia was a steel screw steamship of 1287 tons gross, the property of J. Lund & Co. of Bergen.

The Hecla was a screw steamship of 350 tons gross, owned by William Hansen and registered at Bergen.

The Ravenbourne is listed by Lloyd's.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—

The German public is convinced that the unrestricted campaign launched yesterday by Germany's great U-boat fleet will shorten the war. The possibility of complications with certain neutral powers has not been overlooked by the Government, but it is felt that Germany can justify her position.

The press generally has hailed the new submarine war with delight, although among the conservative newspapers no effort is made to hide the seriousness of the step.

The people in Berlin and throughout the country are calm, and it was a significant fact that announcement of the Government's intention to establish a ruthless blockade of the Entente countries was received without any organized public demonstrations.

There has been considerable activity at the United States Embassy since Tuesday, when Doctor Zimmermann, the Foreign Secretary, held a long conference with Mr. Gerard. Should any eventually arise between Germany and the United States as

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"Diamond Jim" May Stroll at Shore

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 2.—James Buchanan Brady, the New York millionaire, is improving steadily at the Seaside, and may be permitted to leave his room today or Saturday. Brady has been warned that it will be necessary for him to practice extreme caution in avoiding excitement of all kinds for a long time to

U. S. AGAIN FACES JAPANESE CRISIS

Delicate Situation Created
by Idaho's Anti-Alien
Land Owning Bill

OREGON TO FOLLOW SUIT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Idaho State Senate denies that its anti-alien land-owning bill is a discrimination against Japan. It so contends in a telegram sent to Senator Borah today and by him presented to the State Department.

The Idaho Senate's message was in response to an inquiry by him yesterday and explained that the bill was not intended to discriminate against Japanese, but applied to "all aliens."

The Idaho Senate asked Borah to lay its message before Secretary Lansing with a request that the State Department "keep hands off" the question.

Secretary Lansing, in thanking Senator Borah for acting, expressed the fear that the Idaho Senate's message would not meet the Japanese protest. It was admitted officially that a very delicate diplomatic situation between the United States and Japan may be precipitated if the Idaho legislators pass their bill.

Sensor Borah said, following a conference with Secretary Lansing, he would let the matter rest where it now stands.

OREGON TO PASS BILL

Sensor Chamberlain, of Oregon, today declined to act to prevent the passage of a similar alien land bill by the Oregon Legislature.

"I believe such a bill is right and should be passed," he said. "I have no intention of interfering. Japan has an alien land bill, and so have most of the other nations of the world."

The attitude of the Idaho Legislature came as a distinct surprise to State De-

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HELLO GIRL'S QUICK WIT SAVES MANY FROM FIRE

One Dies and Six Are Badly Burned in
Flame-Swept Mining
Village

McDONALD, Pa., Feb. 2.—Gustave Delmontague, seven years old, was burned to death; his mother, Mrs. Aralie Delmontague, was probably fatally injured and five others were seriously burned when fire swept three dwellings at Sturgeon, a mining village near here, today.

A row of twenty-five houses was threatened by the fire and many lives were saved by the action of Miss Margaret McGovern, the telephone operator, in warning all the subscribers, who turned out to fight the fire.

QUICK NEWS

COUNCILS COMMITTEE BACKS RADICAL TAX BILL

A bill taking from the Board of Judges the power to reapportion the Board of Tax Revision and placing the appointive power directly in the hands of the Mayor and of Councils and providing other radical changes in the methods of assessment and equalization of taxes was approved this afternoon by a subcommittee on taxation of Councils' Legislative Committee.

MRS. SANGER AND ASSOCIATE FOUND GUILTY

NEW ORK, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Margaret Sanger and her associate, Miss Fannie Mindell, were found guilty today of disseminating birth control information. They will be sentenced on Monday.

U. S. TO CONTINUE FORWARDING MAILS TO EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The postoffice department today decided to continue the dispatch of mails to Europe, despite Germany's submarine threat. Postmaster General Burleson had considered a plan to limit the forwarding of mails, but after thorough examination of the situation decided to take no such action until development forced it.

GERMANY TO DEPORT 60,000 MORE BELGIANS

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Germany has decided to remove 60,000 more Belgian workmen to Germany, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from the Hague today.

SUES BANK FOR DISHONORING HIS CHECK

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—The \$10,000 suit of Isidor Escourt, of Philadelphia, against the Milville Trust Company, is being tried today before Judge Reftstah and a jury in the United States District Court. The complainant alleges that while he had sufficient funds in the institution to meet his checks, the bank did not honor some of them, thus injuring his credit. The bank officials contend there was not enough money to Escourt's credit.

STOCKS FOLLOW IRREGULAR COURSE IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—That there was still considerable uncertainty in Wall Street over the international situation, brought about by the decision of Germany to conduct a ruthless submarine warfare, was shown by the action of the stock market today. Price movements were irregular all through the day. Around noon the tendency was upward in the majority of shares, but in the afternoon a new selling wave appeared and prices were driven off from the best and in many cases below the final figures of last night. Bargain hunters were much in evidence all through the day.

U. S. TO PROBE NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Senate today adopted a resolution by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, directing the Attorney General to investigate the New York Cotton Exchange to determine whether or not its buying and selling methods are in restraint of trade.

OHIO'S LOWER HOUSE TELLS WILSON IT'S WITH HIM

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 2.—The Ohio House of Representatives today unanimously adopted a resolution addressed to President Wilson declaring that it viewed with alarm the present crisis and calling upon every citizen of the United States to "stand behind the President as one man."

AMERICAN SUGAR REFINING WINS BIG SUIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Decision has been handed down by the United States District Court in favor of the American Sugar Refining Company today dismissing the suit brought by Mrs. Annette B. Caillouet et al., claiming triple damages to the amount of \$1,674,995 under the Sherman law.

CONGRESS ASKED TO BUILD MORE SUBMARINES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Immediate construction of eighty coast submarines and twenty fleet submarines to secure America against foreign invasion was provided in a bill introduced in the Senate today by Senator Polindexter, of Washington.

JANUARY COINAGE AT THE PHILADELPHIA MINT

The January coinage at the Philadelphia Mint was as follows: Half dollars, \$61,000; quarters, \$535,000; dimes, \$261,000; nickels, \$199,350; one-cent pieces, \$233,010. Total of minor coins, 27,288,000 pieces; value, \$432,360, and the total of all pieces coined, \$3,756,000, with a total value of \$1,928,260.

AUSTRIA SENDS NOTE ON INTENSIFIED SEA WAR

LONDON, Feb. 2.—A Vienna dispatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam says that Count Cernin, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, has sent a note to the neutral countries respecting intensified naval warfare. It is along lines similar to the German note to the United States.

WILL NOT CLOSE COTTON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The board of managers of the New York Cotton Exchange, at a meeting this morning, decided that the exchange shall not be closed. There had been some agitation in favor of closing the exchange because of the possibility of a break with Germany over the submarine situation.

U-BOAT WAR DOESN'T AFFECT NEW ORLEANS SHIPPING

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—The declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare had little effect here, and ships continued loading. The British steamship Macnara left for Genoa with grain.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 2.—There has been no let-up in the business of the port of Savannah as a result of the German blockade. On the German steamship House-

U.S. DESTROYER TO HALT ILLICIT CRAFT IN RIVER

Patrols Lane Between
Wilmington and Del-
aware City

WILL HOLD UP AND QUIZ VESSELS

Object Is to Prevent Smug-
gling of Ammunition or
Provisions to Belligerents

CLOSE WATCH ON RAIDERS

City's Share in Brief in Submarine Crisis

1. Torpedoboot destroyer ordered to patrol Delaware River and prevent delivery of ammunition and supplies to warships at sea when Secretary Daniels asks that port's neutrality be safeguarded.
2. Washington orders close guard over Central Empires' ships here to prevent scuttling or other possible destruction in event of break in diplomatic relations with Germany.
3. Two British merchantmen, defying submarines, sail from Philadelphia for war zone, \$55,000,000 worth of cargoes and ships to follow.
4. Insurance rates on marine risks double here, with situation "up in air."
5. Aero Club of Pennsylvania urges immediate measures to build up military air service 1000 strong. Philadelphia first to suffer in case of attack.

A torpedoboot destroyer was ordered from League Island this afternoon to patrol the Delaware River below Wilmington and to hold up vessels attempting to leave port without clearance papers, according to William H. Berry, Collector of the Port.

Officials of the Philadelphia Navy Yard refused to confirm the statement. The name of the destroyer was not given.

The object is to prevent attempts to deliver ammunition or provisions to vessels of belligerent powers at sea, submarines or other warships, Collector Berry said. The action after a consultation between Commandant Russell, of the Navy Yard, and Collector Berry, after the latter had received a communication from Secretary of the Navy Daniels, arguing that every possible means be taken to circumvent a breach of neutrality at this port. The destroyer's field of operations was said to be between Wilmington and Delaware City, where it will intercept every vessel going seaward.

Orders were received today from Washington to keep close guard over the interned German commerce raiding warships at League Island and the German and Austro-Hungarian passenger vessels interned in this port, to circumvent any attempt to sink the ships, as was done in one case at Charleston, S. C., when news of the threatened break in diplomatic relations between this country and Germany reached that port.

Collector of the Port Berry and Commandant Russell, of the navy yard, had anticipated such instructions and close watch was begun over the vessels early today. Commandant Russell doubled the guard of marines stationed beside the Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm at League Island, and a close guard was ordered over the Hamburg-American liners Prinz Oskar and Rhaetia, and the Austrian steamship Franconia, moored at the Catharine street wharf. Commandant Russell's orders came from the Navy Department. The Department of Justice sent Collector Berry his instructions.

At a consultation today between Collector Berry and Commandant Russell, it was agreed that everything possible had been done to prevent self-destruction of the vessels.

Thirty marines now guard the sea-raiders at League Island to prevent the crews or these interned vessels from opening the sea-cocks and sinking the ships. The status of the Prinz Oskar and Rhaetia, Collector Berry said, was simply that of merchant vessels. If their commanders applied for clearance papers they would be granted, he added, as well as permission to mount a gun on the after-deck.

DENY SCUTTLE PLAN
Ships commanders of the German merchant ships denied that there was any plan to sink the ships in event of war. The ship-

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair to night and Saturday; somewhat cooler to night, with lowest about 15 degrees, fresh northwesterly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises... 7:08 a.m. | Moon sets... 6:00 p.m.

Sun sets... 5:19 p.m. | Moon rises... 6:00 a.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHART

Low water... 4:42 a.m. | Low water... 4:42 p.m.

High water... 10:17 a.m. | High water... 10:17 p.m.

TEMPERATURES AT EACH HOUR

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LAST AND FIRST